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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	February 06, 2019
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2013-298-E
UTILITIES MATTER	✓	ORDER NO.	2019-114

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

<u>DOCKET NO. 2013-298-E</u> - <u>Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Request to Amend Its Residential Smart \$aver Energy Efficiency Program, Including Internal Program Changes and Tariff Revisions.

COMMISSION ACTION:

(SEAL)

Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress propose to make certain modifications to their respective Residential Smart \$aver Energy Efficiency Programs. In regard to their proposed tariff revisions, the Companies want to remove the current dollar amounts listed for incentives the Companies offer for certain energy-efficient home improvements. The reasons stated by each company for the proposed changes are "in order to improve the Company's ability to quickly react to changes in the marketplace and increase the cost-effectiveness of the program."

Each company also proposes internal program changes to "recognize lower actual incremental customer costs, make its trade ally participation more streamlined and less costly, reduce its program administration costs, and recognize a three-year transition to referral-only channels." The ORS does not object to the proposals.

I would like to learn more about the rationale behind the deletion of specific incentive amounts from the tariffs and why the Companies believe they need to do so in order to quickly react to changes in the marketplace and increase the cost-effectiveness of the program. I also think we would benefit from more information on the internal program changes. I move that we invite the Companies to request an allowable ex parte briefing to address these issues in more detail.

PRESIDING	<u>Randall</u>				SESSION: Regular	TIME: 7	2:00 p.m.
ERVIN HAMILTON HOWARD RANDALL WHITFIELD WILLIAMS	MOTION	YES V V V	NO	OTHER Absent	Sick Leave		

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

